

November 21, 2005

Ref: 2234-23676

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Operc B Zone, Reservoir B
RAMOS FIELD
Assumption, St. Mary & Terrebonne Parishes, LA
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after ten days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the Operc B Zone, Reservoir B, Ramos Field, Assumption, St. Mary & Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created by the Office of Conservation Order No. 389-F-1, effective September 16, 1998, as revised.

1. To permit applicant, The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC to drill, designate and utilize The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC-Thibodaux No. 4 Well as an alternate unit well for the OPERC B RB SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
2. To grant a single unit allowable for the OPERC B RB SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from a combination of the wells, at its option;
3. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the OPERC B RB SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit.
4. To confirm The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC as operator of the OPERC B RB SUA ;

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5. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation Nos. 389-F-1 and 389-F-5 shall remain in full force and effect;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
7. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Operc B Zone, Reservoir B, Ramos Field, Assumption, St. Mary & Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 389-F-5, effective January 7, 2003.

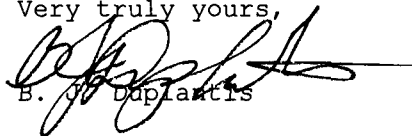
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the OPERC B RB SUA, Ramos Field, Assumption, St. Mary & Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc., 1101 S. Hugh Wallis, Suite 101, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, which represents the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



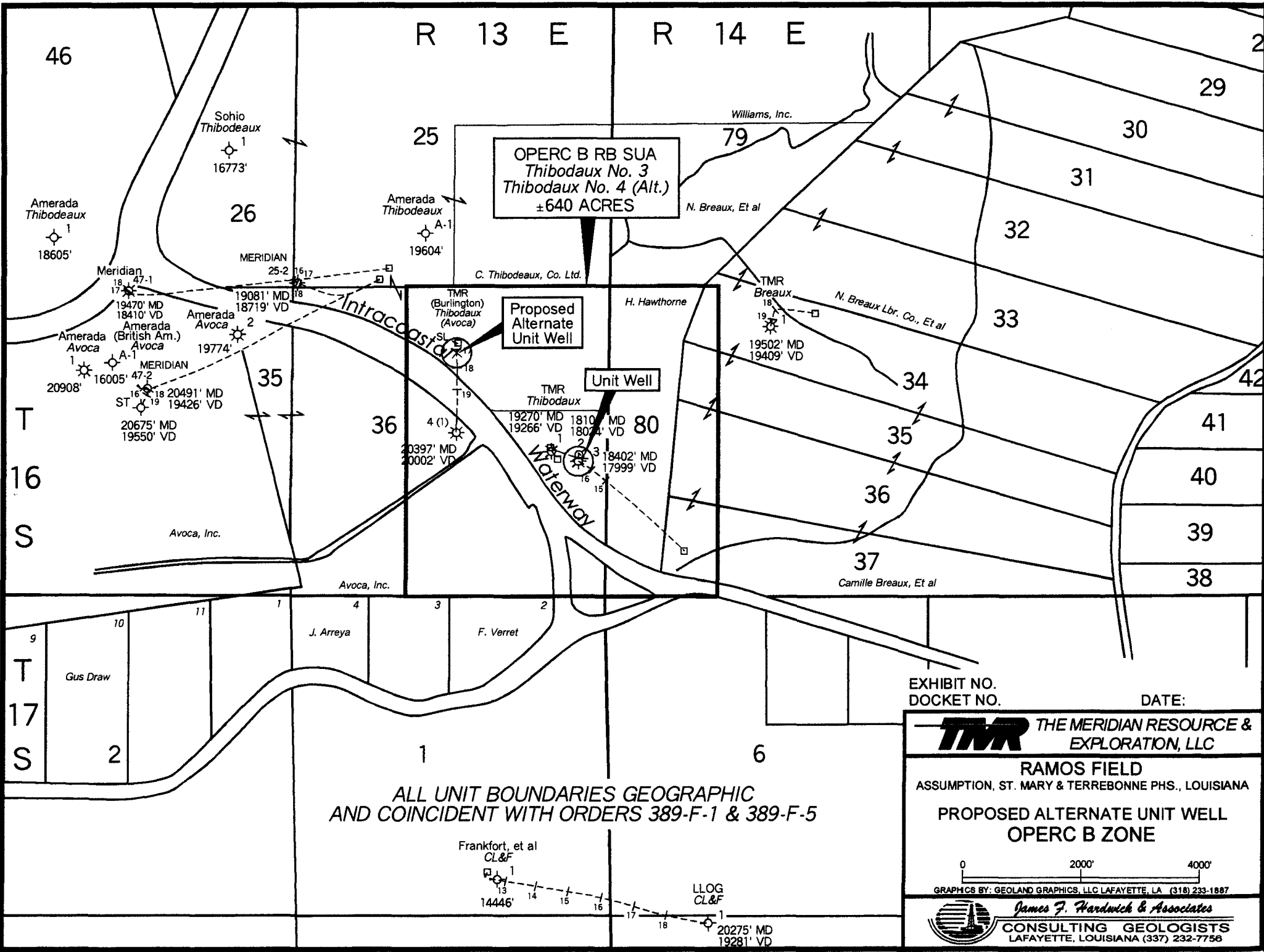
B. J. Duplantier

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties



ALL UNIT BOUNDARIES GEOGRAPHIC
AND COINCIDENT WITH ORDERS 389-F-1 & 389-F-5

EXHIBIT NO.
DOCKET NO.

DATE:

TMR THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE & EXPLORATION, LLC

RAMOS FIELD
ASSUMPTION, ST. MARY & TERREBONNE PHS., LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
OPERC B ZONE

0 2000' 4000'

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